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sonable. However, the quality of the brick, because of the type of clay available, is rather poor. The demand for brick is easily met by the present highly competitive industry. When, however, the cement plant is enlarged, it will tend to replace brick by offering better and cheaper material in such forms as concrete blocks. In view of this, there does not appear to be any justification for enlarging the brick industry.

At present, some tile is made, but it, too, is being replaced by cement.

Milling

Iraq possesses three fairly large flour mills. The older ones are now being modernized with the latest machinery. A very modern mill was recently constructed at Basra, with a capacity of 50 tons per day, for the purpose of making possible the exportation of flour rather than just wheat. So far, a shortage of grain has prevented the mill from operating as planned. When a sufficient supply of grain becomes available, however, the mill will be capable of serving the export market in addition to local requirements.

Aluminumware

Aluminumware is very popular. It is now being manufactured in a small plant in Baghdad from imported sheet, which represents more than 70 percent of the production cost of the finished article. Production is limited to about 480 tons per year because of the difficulty in getting aluminum; however, even with an ample supply of material, the present capacity of the plant (600 tons) is only sufficient to meet about one third of the country's requirements. Production costs could be greatly reduced, first, by increasing the capacity of the plant, and second, by installing facilities permitting the utilization of both scrap aluminum and pig. To double the plant's capacity and install equipment to melt and roll scrap and pig would cost approximately ID 200,000, of which ID 175,000 would be foreign exchange, mainly in pounds sterling. These new facilities would require about two years to construct and, when finished, would employ approximately 40 additional workers.